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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on Management

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:

10/691,130

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First Named Inventor.

Jones, D.

Group Art Unit:

Filing Date:

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Examiner Name:

Basichas, Alfred

Attorney Docket Number: 285.7618USU

CUSTOMER NO.:

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114				
	a.	XXX	Previously submitted		
		i. XX	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed		
			on August 30, 2005 (any unentered amendment(s)		
			referred to above will be entered).		
		ii	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed		
		_	filed on		
		iii	Other		
	b.		Enclosed		
		i	Amendment/Reply with transmittal		
		ii.	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)		
		iii.	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449		
		iv.	Other		
2.	Misce	llaneous			
-	a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37		
			C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of		
			C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)		
	b.		Other		
3.	Fees	The RCE fee	e Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
	a.	XXXXX	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any		
			overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467.		
		i. X	XXXX RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)		
		ii. 🔀	Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$120.00)		
		iii.	Other		
	b.	XXXXX	Check in the amount of \$910.00 enclosed		
	C.		Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)		
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Date of Signature			Paul D. Greeley, Esq.		

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